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FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI
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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJECT : TRAINING FOR UAE NAVAL FORCE

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1. EMBASSY MOST APPRECIATIVE OF EXTREMELY COMPREHENSIVE
ADVICE/PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL IN RESPONSE
TO UAE NF INTEREST IN ENGINEER TRAINING. DRAWING HEAVILY
ON THAT MESSAGE, EMBASSY PREPARED FACT SHEET ON PROPOSAL
INVOLVING NY STATE MARITIME COLLEGE AND U OF PITTSBURGH
WHICH DCM PRESENTED TO CAPT. NABIL MADWAR, NF COMMANDER,
ON MARCH 15. CAPT. NABIL'S RESPONSE WAS MOST POSITIVE.
HE SAID THIS TYPE OF PRECISE RECOMMENDATION WAS EXACTLY
WHAT HE WAS SEEKING.

2. RE NEXT STEPS, NABIL STATED HE WOULD FORWARD OUR
PROPOSAL TO UAE ARMED FORCES GHQ WITH REQUEST THAT
IT PURSUE MATTER VIA UAE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. NABIL
NOTED THAT CANDIDATE FOR ENGINEERING PROGRAM HAS
ALREADY COMPLETED SECONDARY SCHOOL (HE REPORTEDLY
FOLLOWED SCIENCE ORIENTED PROGRAM). IT WAS NOW
MATTER OF GETTING HIM FORMALLY ENLISTED INTO NF
SO HE WOULD BE UNDER FORCE SPONSORSHIP, NOT
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MINEDUCATION AS WITH OTHER STUDENTS. DCM SUGGESTED
THAT CAPT NABIL INFORM EMBASSY ONCE THIS PROCESS
COMPLETED SO THAT WE COULD ALERT WASHINGTON AUTHORI-
TIES TO BE PREPARED TO WORK WITH UAE EMBASSY ON
PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT HAS BETTER FEEL OF UAE

EMBASSY THAN DO WE, BUT IT STRIKES US THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR SOMEONE FROM ARP ALONG WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICER FROM CNO TO CALL ON UAE EMBASSY AND BRIEF THEM ON WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED. OBVIOUSLY FURTHER CONTACT WOULD BE REQUIRED WHEN OFFICIAL WORD RECEIVED FROM ABU DHABI, BUT ADVANCED BRIEFING MIGHT SERVE TO KEEP THINGS ON TRACK. FOR OUR PART, AMBASSADOR WILL PLAN TO DISCUSS THIS CASE AS WELL AS OTHER MILITARY TRAINING PROSPECTS WITH AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE AL-MUDFA PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE.

4. COMMENT: CAPT NABIL WAS TRULY IMPRESSED WITH PRECISION AND SPEED OF USG RESPONSE. HE NOTED THAT BRITISH WERE OFTEN TOO RIGID IN HANDLING UAE TRAINING NEEDS, AND HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO MAKING THIS PROGRAM YEARLY EXERCISE IF THINGS WORK WELL. HE LIKEWISE AGAIN RAISED POSSIBILITY OF OTHER NAVAL TRAINING IN US AND STATED HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY SOON ON THIS SUBJECT. IN SHORT, THANKS TO WASHINGTON RESPONSE (NOT TO MENTION CINCEUR AND EMBASSY TEHRAN), WE MAY FINALLY HAVE LONG DISCUSSED SUBJECT OF NAVAL TRAINING FOR UAE UNDERWAY. AGAIN OUR THANKS.
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